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In re Application of:
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated 22 July 2002, Applicant hereby request the following:

AMENDMENTS:

TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) An invert emulsion fluid having utility for drilling, completing, or working over subterranean wells, said fluid comprising:

- B'
- a) an oleaginous fluid;
 - b) a non-oleaginous fluid;
 - c) a weighting material; and